



Get a real “taste of Aruba” at the Feria Patriotico!

On March 18 Aruba celebrates Himno y Bandera Day and visitors and residents can prepare to show the love of their flag and its colors at the Feria Patriotico taking place in the Aruba Entertainment Center in Dakota. The fair began on Friday evening, and the final day is today, open from 11:00 AM until 11:00 PM.

The Feria Patriotico offers not only a wide variety of Himno y Bandera tee shirts in a price range to fit any budget, but also hats, scarves, sandals and hip packs adorned with the blue, yellow and red of the Aruban flag. A vast selection of Aruban made handicrafts is available to the souvenir hunter, and some of the island’s top performers are on stage to entertain the masses. Today will feature the Tsunami band, which is bound to get you dancing to the island beat!

Making up a large portion of the fair grounds is the “food court,” which is an excellent opportunity to try authentic Aruban cuisine. Light snacks such as pastichis are abundant, as are traditional sweets and pastries. Hungry patrons of the fair can enjoy a full meal at bargain prices, as some food vendors offer famous dishes such as Keshi Yena, Soppi di Pisca, (Seafood soup) and always a favorite: Calco (conch.) For those that are curious about what native islanders really enjoy eating, and want to try some authentic native dishes, the Feria Patriotico is most definitely the place to discover a true “taste of Aruba!”